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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

RICOH COMPANY, LTD.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

AEROFLEX INCORPORATED, et al.,

Defendants

SYNOPSYS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RICOH COMPANY, LTD.,

Defendant.

CASE NO. C-03-2289-MJJ (EMC)

CASE NO. C-03-4669-MJJ (EMC)

**DECLARATION OF EDWARD A.
 MEILMAN IN SUPPORT OF RICOH'S
 OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO SHORTEN
 TIME**

**Date: To Be Determined
 Time: To Be Determined
 Courtroom: 11
 Judge: Judge Jenkins**

1 Edward A. Meilman declares as follows:

2 1. I am an attorney with the law firm of Dickstein, Shapiro, Morin & Oshinsky,
3 LLP, counsel for Ricoh Company Limited. I am over the age of 21 and am competent to make
4 this declaration. Based on my personal knowledge and information, I hereby declare to all the
5 facts in this declaration

6 2. Attached hereto as Ex. 1 is a true and correct copy of a letter dated October 4,
7 2004 from Gary M. Hoffman, Ricoh's counsel, to Tom Mavrakakis, Defendants' counsel

8 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that
9 the foregoing is true and correct. Signed at New York, New York on October 6, 2004

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11 /s/ Edward A. Meilman
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BY FACSIMILE and US Mail

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Re: Synopsis, Inc. V Ricoh Company, Ltd.
 Ricoh v. Aeroflex et al.

Dear Tom:

We have received the letter that you faxed to us late Friday night (8:52 p.m. Washington time).

You were unavailable when we called for our scheduled conference call earlier on Friday afternoon(1:30 p.m. your time). We had set that time for a meet and confer to discuss the differences between each of our proposed presentations. As we have repeatedly indicated to you, we were prepared to discuss each of your specific objections to our proposed presentation and also our objections to your list of bullet points that you would like to see included in the presentation. We have repeatedly proposed that we exchange a list of what information in each of the other side's proposed presentation that we are willing to accept. This would permit us to have a proper meet and confer to see if we can reach a compromise. Hopefully, you will agree to exchange such information so that we can have a proper meet and confer on the matter.

Ricoh has taken care to make the tutorial presentation neutral and to avoid any of Ricoh's claim construction positions. We have repeatedly asked you to identify any non-neutral or improper claim construction points in the detailed presentation Ricoh provided to you. While you keep saying there are such points, you still refuse to identify what they are. You have therefore frustrated Ricoh's attempt to conduct a meet and confer.

To date, all that you have done is to continue your threat to take the matter to the Court unless Synopsys and the Defendants are provided with a 100% veto power over any information that we place in a tutorial or unless we simply limit the tutorial to the bullet points that Synopsys and the Defendants' propose. Both approaches are obviously completely inconsistent with the process set forth by the Court. If this is the sole issue that you wish to take to the Court, i.e. that Ricoh should have no say in any tutorial presentation at all and it should be totally controlled by Synopsys and the Defendants, then that issue is ripe for consideration by the Court. However, if the issue

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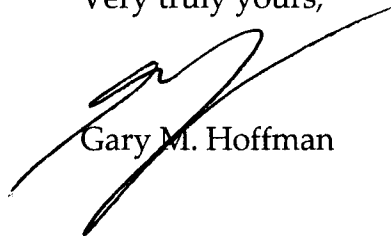
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is as to what should be in a presentation being made by Ricoh and whether there is really any need for a separate presentation by Synopsys and the Defendants, then that issue is premature until there has been cooperation by Synopsys and the Defendants in exchanging information and having a meet and confer. Unfortunately, to date you have refused to participate in such activities.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GMH', written over the typed name Gary M. Hoffman.

Gary M. Hoffman

GMH/ncz

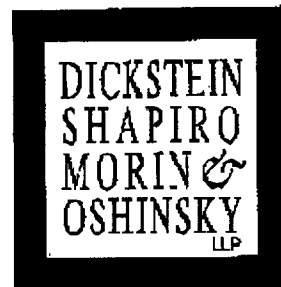
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